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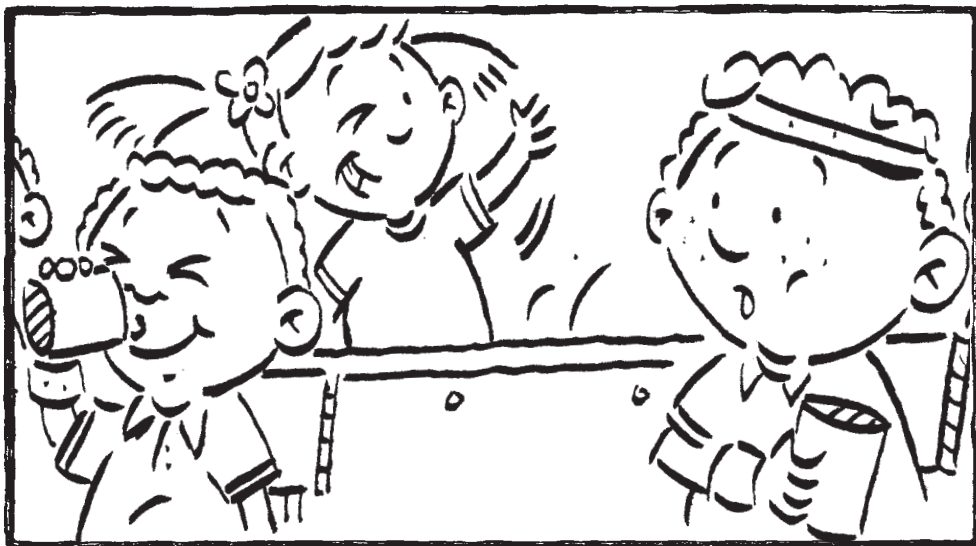


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Reviewed phonic elements	s-, l-, and r-family blends, consonants, short vowels
Story word	second
Reviewed story word	won
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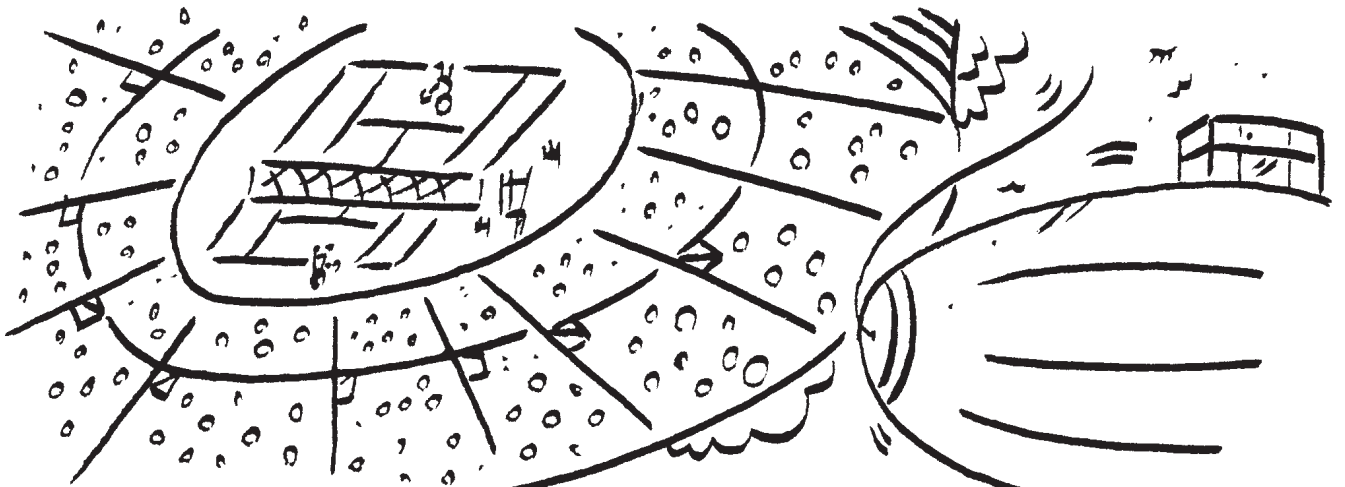


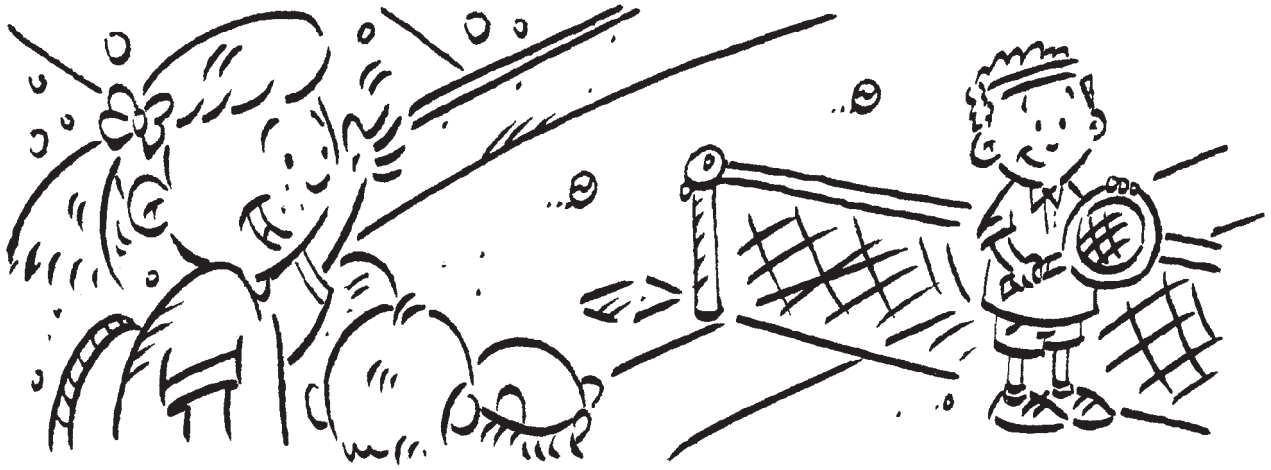
Grant and Frank were grand
tennis players.
They were the best in the land.
They were pals and had a bond.

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But at the big tennis Grand Slam,
Frank had to play Grant to win
the fund.
The fans were there to see who
would win the fund.





Fran was in the front of the stands
in a pink dress.
Fran wanted Frank to win.
But Frank did not want to sink his pal.

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With a grunt, Grant sent
the ball over the net.
Frank missed the ball.
Grant blinked.
Why had Frank missed that ball?

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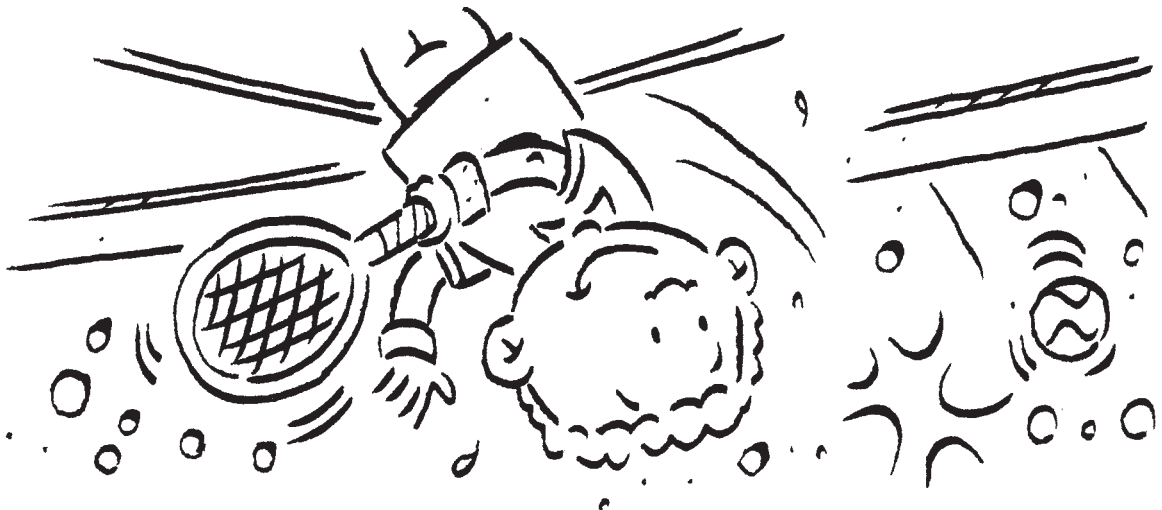


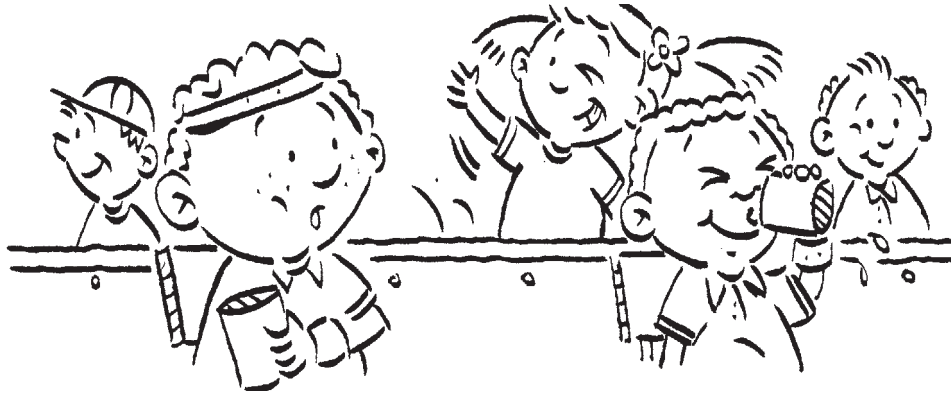
Then Grant sent the second ball
over the net.
Frank ran to the net,
but he let the ball sink.
The ball landed in the sand.

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Grant had to think.
Frank did not stink at tennis.
Why was Frank playing like
a hunk of junk?
Grant sank Frank and won the set.

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The pals stopped for a drink.

"I stunk," said Frank.

"I stunk like a skunk."

"Let me be blunt," said Grant.

"Fran wants you to win.

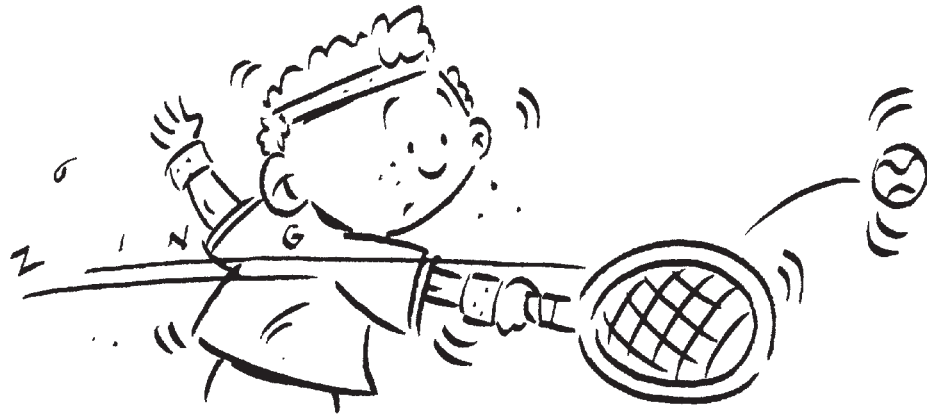
And I do not want my pal to
end up in second."

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Grant said, "Go for it, Frank!
Get that fund in your bank!"
Frank had to think.
Was it bad if he won?

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In the second set, Frank played well.
 The ball punted and bunted.
 Grant planted a big hit.
 But then Frank sent the ball
 with a flip.
 It made a dent in the sand.

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Frank was glad to play well.
 He winked at Grant
 and sent the ball to his pal.
 Grant went for it, but he fell
 with a grunt in the sand.
 An ant bit his hand.

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Frank bent his hand
and sent the ball at a slant.

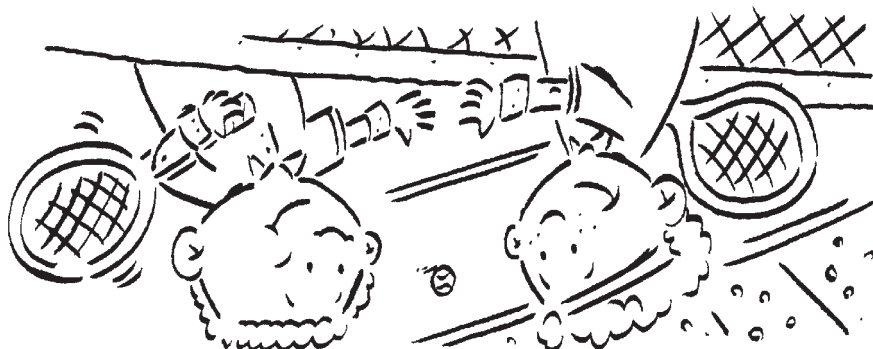
The slant was too big for Grant.
He missed the ball.

"Frank is playing well," he said.
"That slant was grand."

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It was the end of the set.
Frank had won one,
and Grant had won one.
The pals stopped to think.
"Let's end it."
We can split the fund," said Grant.
He went to the net to extend
his hand.

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The pals split the fund.
No one was second.
The band played.
The fans in the stands clapped
their hands.

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Fran went to Frank.
"You are the best, Frank," she said.
She planted a big kiss on him.
"That kiss was grand," said Frank.

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